

REMARKS

The Examiner has issued an Official Action requiring restriction between three groups of inventions. The groups identified by the Examiner are:

Group I: Claims 1-2, 7-11 and 27-34 drawn to compounds of formula (I) and the corresponding composition;

Group II: Claims 3-6, 20-26 and 75-77 drawn to a process of preparation of compound of formula (I); and

Group III: Claims 12-19 and 35-75 drawn to method of use of compounds of formula (I).

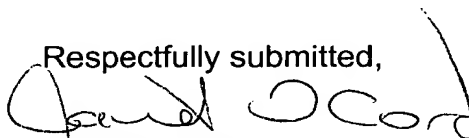
Applicants respectfully traverse this restriction requirement.

Applicants submit that the claims of Groups I and III should be examined in this application. If the claims of Group I are found to be novel and non-obvious then the use of these compounds must also be novel and non-obvious. A search of the subject matter of Group I will include a search of the subject matter of Group III. Therefore, these claims should be examined in the same application. If the examiner does not agree, applicants provisionally elect the claims of Group I and respectfully request that the claims of Group III be rejoined in this application if the claims of Group I are found to be allowable.

Applicants preserve all rights to file one or more divisional applications directed to the subject matter of the non-elected claims and species.

Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance and favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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